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To: Field Managers, Nevada
Deputy State Directors and Staff Chiefs, NSO

From: Deputy State Director, Support Services

Subject: The 2000 White House Closing the Circle Awards DD: 1/31/2000

This information bulletin transmits the attached WO Information Bulletin No. 2000-41, to invite all Bureau of Land Management (BLM) employees to submit nominations for the 2000 White House Closing the Circle Awards.

The purpose of the award is to recognize Federal activities and employees for significant contributions to the environment or significant impacts on the environment, and to tell success stories which can serve as examples for other Federal facilities to follow.

There are eight categories for this award: Waste Prevention, Recycling, Affirmative Procurement, Environmental Preferability, Model Facility, Sowing the Seeds for Change, Outreach and Executive Order (E.O.) 12856 (for individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in implementing the pollution prevention provisions of the E.O.).

To learn more about this award, and to get a copy of the nomination form, go to the website www.ofee.gov. Click on **2000 White House Closing the Circle Awards Nomination Form**. Nominations are submitted directly to the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive.

To submit your nominations, please follow the instructions in the attached WO memorandum. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Adams, Awards Coordinator, at 775-861-6427.

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1 Attachment

1 - WO Instruction Memorandum No. 2000-041 w/Attachments (5 pp)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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Information Bulletin No. 2000-041

To: All Washington Office and Field Officials

From: Group Manager, Protection and Response

Subject: The 2000 White House Closing the Circle Awards

DD: 1/31/2000

This information bulletin invites all Bureau of Land Management (BLM) employees to submit nominations for the 2000 White House Closing the Circle Awards.

The White House Closing the Circle Awards program was established six years ago:

- To recognize Federal employees and their facilities for significant contributions to the environment or significant impacts on the environment, and
- To tell success stories which can serve as examples for other Federal facilities to follow.

The following eight Closing the Circle Award categories are based on the goals and requirements of Executive Order 13101 of September 14, 1998, *Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition* [63 FR 49643, September 19, 1998].

- Waste Prevention -- This category recognizes reductions in: 1) the generation of waste from a Federal facility through change in the design, manufacturing, or use of materials or products; and/or 2) the amount or toxicity of waste prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal.
- Recycling -- This category recognizes outstanding activities, including outreach, collection, separation or processing, to recover products or other materials from the waste stream for use in the manufacture of new products (other than fuel for producing heat or power by combustion) at a Federal site, facility, or operation.

- Affirmative Procurement -- This category recognizes effective and innovative programs for the purchase and use of products containing recovered materials at a Federal site, facility, or operation. This award focuses on, but is not limited to, those products designated in the Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (CPG) [40 CFR Part 247].
- Environmental Preferability -- This category recognizes the best examples of: 1) acquiring, using, or validating products or services that have a reduced impact on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose; 2) outstanding improvement to a process that resulted in significant monetary savings and benefit to the environment; or 3) product testing that led to the approval and use of environmentally preferable or sound products and services.
- Model Facility -- This award recognizes achievements by an individual or team/group for outstanding contributions to waste prevention, recycling, and affirmative procurement through leadership, investment in resources, and change in culture. Notwithstanding the name "Model Facility," an individual who virtually singlehandedly designed and executed a program can be nominated in this category.
- Sowing the Seeds for Change -- This category should be considered when an individual or team/group leads an activity, or conducts an infrastructure or policy change that advances the objectives of E.O. 13101, but does not have a direct impact on individual waste reduction, recycling, or affirmative procurement practices.
- Outreach -- This is a new category which recognizes those individuals or teams/groups who have implemented outreach programs/projects or educational efforts to promote the goals and objectives of E.O. 13101. The program: 1) successfully acquaints the Federal community and the public with the environmental and economic benefits of recycling, and 2) provides tangible benefits to the recycling and "buy recycled" efforts at the facility and/or local community.
- Executive Order 12856 -- This is an environmental challenge award which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in implementing the pollution prevention provisions of E.O. 12856 of August 3, 1993, *Federal Compliance with Right-to-Know Laws and Pollution Prevention Requirements* [58 FR 41981, August 6, 1993].

For more information about the 2000 White House Closing the Circle Awards and the nomination procedures, go to the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive web site at: <http://www.ofee.gov/>.

Please note, do not submit nominations through the Department of the Interior (DOI) or the BLM. Instead, complete the electronic registration and send five hard copies of the nomination directly to the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive by **January 31, 2000**.

Please see the attached memorandum from the Office of the Secretary for additional information about the DOI and White House awards programs.

Web Sites:

Executive orders and other Presidential documents are on the White House web site at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/>; click on **The Virtual Library**.

The Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (CPG) are on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/procure/index.htm>.

Information about the 2000 White House Closing the Circle Awards and how to submit nominations are on the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive web site at: <http://www.ofee.gov/>; click on **2000 White House Closing the Circle Awards Nomination Form**.

The 1999 White House Closing the Circle Award winners (including two winners from the National Park Service) are also on the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive's web site at: <http://www.ofee.gov/>; click on **The 1999 White House Closing the Circle Award Winners**.

If you have any questions about this information bulletin, please contact Barbara Morris in the Protection and Response Group (WO 360). She can be reached by telephone at (202) 452-5060, or by e-mail at: barbara_morris@blm.gov.

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1-1 Memorandum from the Office of the Secretary (1 p)

United States Department of The Interior
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Memorandum

To: Heads of Bureaus and Offices

From: Willie R. Taylor, Director **/signed/**
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: The 2000 White House Closing the Circle Awards **(Reply Due: January 31, 2000)**

I would like to encourage you to identify activities and persons deserving of recognition and submit nominations to the 2000 White House Closing the Circle Awards program. These Awards recognize federal facilities and employees for outstanding achievement in the implementation of Executive Order 13101, including waste prevention, recycling, purchasing of environmentally preferable products, development of model facilities, and outreach. Nominations are now being accepted by the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive and are due no later than **January 31, 2000**. Although the nominations are to be submitted on-line at <http://www.ofee.gov>, I encourage you to review and screen nominees within your bureau prior to submission.

In a separate memorandum (ER 99/997) dated November 18, 1999, I announced the Fiscal Year 2000 Department of the Interior Environmental Achievement Awards, with a reply due May 15, 2000. An organization or person may be nominated for both the Departmental and the White House awards. For FY 2000, the Department's categories have been revised to be closer to the White House Awards program. For FY 2001, we will call for nominations earlier in the year to allow us to forward nominations from the Department's Environmental Achievement Awards to the White House Closing the Circle Awards program.

Congratulations are due to Interior's 1999 White House Closing the Circle Award winners, both from the National Park Service. For use of recycled plastic lumber for a boardwalk on Theodore Roosevelt Island, the George Washington Memorial Parkway was recognized, and Mr. Kim Slininger received an award for managing a deconstruction and salvage operation of timber and gypsum from 200 flooded buildings at Yosemite National Park.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jim Ortiz, Solid and Hazardous Materials Management Team, at (202) 208-7553 or by e-mail at: james_ortiz@os.doi.gov.

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